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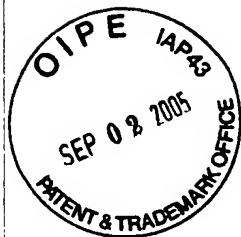
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## TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.
- ☐ Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.
- ☐ Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 listing 5 references submitted for consideration.
- ☒ A copy of 4 of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449.
- ☐ English translations of \_\_\_ (\_\_\_) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language.
- ☐ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and
  - ☐ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

- I. ☒ Prior to the later of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no materials other than those listed above are enclosed.
- II. ☐ Following the latter of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action, but before the mailing of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, to secure consideration thereof, one (1) of the following is also enclosed:
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  - ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_ constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- III. ☐ After the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:
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  - ☐ Petition for Consideration; and

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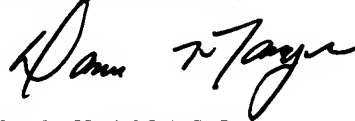
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- \_\_\_ The submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- \_\_\_ The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2005.

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Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed listed references are disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

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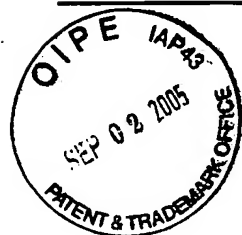
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Foreign Patent Documents

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____ 4	WO 01/51730 A1	07/19/2001	PCT	N/A
____ 5	WO 01/51731 A1	07/19/2001	PCT	N/A

Other Documents

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